



# Helping Hoosier Families

Informative publications available to you!

The Indiana House of Representatives has several new useful and informative publications available at no charge. Please contact my office if you would like to receive any of the publications from the following list:



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|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ✓ Indiana's Amber Alert Plan | ✓ Booster Seat Safety           |
| ✓ Women's Heart Health       | ✓ Indiana's CHOICE program      |
| ✓ Fireworks Safety           | ✓ The New Medicare Law          |
| ✓ Medicare Fraud             | ✓ The HoosierRx program         |
| ✓ Fighting Methamphetamine   | ✓ 21st Century Scholars Program |
| ✓ Don't Be A Victim          | ✓ Guide to Higher Education     |
| ✓ Hoosier Fun Facts          | ✓ Guide to State Agencies       |

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- ✓ 800 number access to Indiana's agencies
- ✓ New laws to take effect during the summer
- ✓ Publications available from the House of Representatives

# Toll-Free Access To Indiana's State Agencies

## General Information

State Information Center .....800-457-8283  
*Offers information on all of Indiana government*  
Relay Indiana .....800-743-3333  
*Telecommunications relay service for deaf and speech impaired*

## Elected Officials

### Attorney General

Telephone Privacy (No-Call) List .....888-834-9969  
Consumer Protection Division .....800-382-5516  
Unclaimed Property Division .....800-447-5598  
Medicaid Fraud Control Unit\* .....800-382-1039  
\* to report provider fraud

### General Assembly

House of Representatives- Dems .....800-382-9842  
House of Representatives- Reps .....800-382-9841  
Senate (both parties) .....800-382-9467

### Secretary of State

Securities Division .....800-223-8791  
Elections Division .....800-622-4941

## State Agencies

**Auto Safety Program for Children** .....800-543-6227  
*(car seat information)*

**Civil Rights Commission** .....800-628-2909

**Commerce, Department of** .....800-824-2476  
Tourism Division .....800-289-6646

### Correction, Department of

Victim/ witness help line .....800-447-5604

**Environmental Mgmt, Dept of (IDEM)** ...800-451-6027  
24-hour emergency spill hotline .....888-233-7745

### Family & Social Services Administration

Div. of Disability, Aging & Rehab .....800-545-7763  
Aging and In-home services .....800-992-6978  
Deaf & Hard of Hearing services .....800-962-8408  
Disability Determination Bureau .....800-662-4968

KIDS Line (Child Support) .....800-840-8757  
Child Protective Services\* .....800-562-2407  
*(reporting institutional abuse only)*  
Family Resources Services .....800-622-4973  
AFDC, Food Stamps & Medicaid .....800-622-4932  
Medicaid Recipient Fraud .....800-446-1993  
Medicaid Recipient Hotline .....800-457-4584  
Division of Mental Health .....800-901-1133  
*(complaints of state mental health hospitals)*

### Health, Department of

Family Helpline .....800-433-0746  
Children's special healthcare hotline ...800-475-1355  
Home Health Care Hotline .....800-227-6334  
Long Term Care Complaints .....800-246-8909  
Maternal and Child Health Hotline ....800-761-1271  
Radon Hotline .....800-272-9723  
WIC Hotline .....800-522-0874

**Housing Finance Authority, (IHFA)** ....800-872-0371

**State Fire Marshall, Office of** .....800-423-0765

**Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC)** ..800-851-4268

**Veterans Affairs, Dept of** .....800-400-4520

**Workers Compensation Board** .....800-824-2667  
Workforce Development, Dept of  
Unemployment Insurance Hotline .....800-437-9136

**Insurance, Department of** .....800-622-4461  
Senior Health Insurance Program .....800-452-4800

**Lottery Commission of Indiana** .....800-955-6886

### Natural Resources, Dept of (DNR)

State Parks Information .....800-622-4931  
Reclamation Division .....800-772-6463  
*(information on current and abandoned coal mines)*  
Law Enforcement Division .....800-847-4367

### Indiana State Police

Road Conditions Hotline .....800-261-7623  
*(recording runs only during winter months)*  
Missing Children's Clearinghouse .....800-831-8953

# New laws help kids, address health concerns

# July 1

July 1 is the traditional effective date for many of the laws approved by the Indiana General Assembly during a normal session. In 2004, lawmakers enacted a number of initiatives that will help spur Indiana's economy, protect Hoosiers of all ages and form the groundwork for programs that can have lasting benefits for many years to come.

# kids

To help abused and neglected children, Public Law 70 establishes a statewide review committee to analyze unexpected child deaths and find ways to prevent serious injuries in the future. Records of an abuse case will be opened to public scrutiny, and safeguards will be installed to ensure the protection of all children in a home where sexual abuse has taken place.

Also: PL 46 increases the penalty for neglect of a dependent to a Class A felony if the neglect results in the death of a child.

- PL 15 permits a judge to interview a child in chambers before establishing visitation rights.

- PL 27 enables a custodial parent to go to court to recover delinquent child support by intercepting the state income tax refund of the parent who owes the support.

- PL 38 requires every child entering grades 9 and 12 to be immunized against hepatitis B until July 1, 2008.

- PL 58 increases the time a runaway child may be held in a juvenile facility before and after the child's initial court appearance.



# drug abuse

To combat the growing use and production of the drug methamphetamine, better known as meth, PL 39 creates a task force to develop a strategic action plan to both lessen the demand for meth and decrease the supply of the drug. Over the past two years, nearly 2,250 meth labs have been seized across the state.

PL 76 expands the use of ignition interlock systems to prohibit repeat offenders from drinking and driving. Any vehicle containing this system will not start until the driver breathes into the ignition interlock device. A related measure (PL 82) sets tougher penalties for drunken drivers who cause the deaths of others.



# health

A series of new laws will enable the state to pay special attention to major health concerns. For example, PL 17 expands the scope of registries tracking birth problems and cancer cases. PL 69 establishes a task force to develop stroke prevention initiatives, PL 21 creates a governor's council for people with disabilities, and PL 12 establishes a home health care services and hospice services council. PL 61 creates a Commission on Health Care Interpreters and Translators.

